



## Sarah E. Rupert

November 30, 1948 - September 12, 2018

Sarah E. Rupert, 69, having lived over 10 years with metastatic breast cancer, died peacefully at her home in Napoleon, Ohio, on Wednesday, September 12, while listening to Bach's St. John Passion performed by Apollo's Fire with whom Sarah sang when it was recorded in 1999. It was, as Sarah would say, music to die for.

Sarah was born in Bradner, Ohio to the late Louis and Anna Louise (Deuble) Witker. On June 14, 1970, she married Lee Rupert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pemberville, Ohio; the same church where she was baptized and confirmed.

Sarah attended Capital University and attained a Bachelor's degree in Religion. She worked as an insurance agent for Huntington Insurance in Ohio and previously an agency in West Virginia. However, her main passion in life was music and voice. She strived to be a professional vocalist and her talents led her to sing with Apollo's Fire, Cleveland's Baroque Orchestra, in its beginning years.

Sarah was always a helping hand to her church and community. She coached girls high school basketball and volleyball for a period and was a proud member of the Henry County Democratic Party's Central Committee. She was an advocate in the fight for cancer and proudly walked in the Henry County Relay for Life and was a Pink Ribbon Lady. She is a member of Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Lee; children, Dennis (Natalie) Rupert of

Aurora, Illinois and Lars Rupert of Powell, Ohio; grandchildren, Tristan and Luke; and sisters, Cathryn Nihiser of Lima, Ohio, Carolyn Koehl of Blue Ash, Ohio, Ruth (David) Kinley of Winston Salem, North Carolina, and Janet Witker of Pemberville, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 17th at Zoar Lutheran Church, 314 E. Indiana Avenue Perrysburg, Ohio 43551. A graveside committal service will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon, Ohio.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1-6 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Henry County Relay for Life, Ohio Living Hospice, Zoar Lutheran Church, or donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16.** 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
(419) 592-2333  
help@rodenbergergray.com

## Visitation

SEP **17.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zoar Lutheran Church  
314 E. Indiana Ave  
Perrysburg, OH 43551

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

KN

“ I have very fond memories of Sarah being an active part of Relay For Life of Henry County. She will be missed. Now she's singing with the angels. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Kelly Nye - September 17, 2018 at 02:10 PM

LH

“ I have always admired Sarah's great spirit and passion, and Sarah and Lee's deep devotion to each other. Our deepest condolences.  
Bob and LeAnn Hall

LeAnn Hall - September 17, 2018 at 10:03 AM

MA

“ Capital University Chapel Choir is was brought intelligent, compassionate, musical Sarah into my life. I not only admired her love for music and wonderful voice, but her courage, strength and passion for justice in all walks of life. Lee, please know you and your family are in my prayers. Shalom, my friend! M.L.Anderson

Mary Lou Anderson - September 16, 2018 at 10:27 PM

JL

“ I worked with Sarah at Huntington Insurance. She was such a nice person. Always pleasant and cheerful. I am so lucky to have known her .



Judy Leach - September 16, 2018 at 09:57 PM

RH

“ Sarah was always kind to me. I was so happy to share my art work with her and her husband. She loved seeing my cats in the art work either in a window or playing in a yard. My work to her was to me a tribute to a wonderful woman who was kind and except me. I drew a cross with a rainbow and musical notes leading to the heavens. And a wonderful tribute to her. I will miss you Sarah Rupert with much love. She always had a smile for me. Ralph Henry member of Zoar Lutheran Church.

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**Ralph Henry** - September 16, 2018 at 04:58 PM

AW

“ My deepest sympathy! I always enjoyed talking to Sarah. She fought a long battle will cancer. She will be missed. Arlene Wallace

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**Arlene Wallace** - September 15, 2018 at 11:48 AM

BH

“ I have been blessed to have known Sarah. I met her at Hurricane WV and we both had children in the marching band. We attended many band competitions toether and she encouraged me to join the Lutheran church. Rest In Peace Sarah you brought much joy to so many

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**Barbara Harris** - September 14, 2018 at 11:07 PM

KL

“ Very sorry for your loss! Kathy (Wiechers) Lieb

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**Kathleen Lieb** - September 14, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sarah E. Rupert.*



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September 14, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ *Although I never met Mrs Rupert, I had the pleasure of meeting her husband at the pharmacy where i work. I offer my deepest condolences and sympathies to the family.*

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**Danielle Ruskey** - September 13, 2018 at 10:03 PM



“ *Condolences, love, and prayers to the family of Sarah Rupert. I am so sad to learn of her passing. Will miss our long chats and heartfelt caring between us as long time friends. I will always remember our musical connections in Memphis as well as our sons, and playing on the same softball team. So many wonderful memories and such long chats about things we shared in common and anything & everything, including our birthday month. Love, Sarah Jensen*

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**Sarah Jensen** - September 13, 2018 at 07:15 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Sarah E. Rupert.*



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September 13, 2018 at 03:33 PM

SB

“ *Aunt Sarah was always smiling welcoming. She was easy to talk to.  
Love you and will miss you.*

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**Susan Bardes** - September 13, 2018 at 01:23 PM